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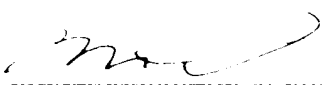
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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.


This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to include a cross-reference to parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09 457,295 filed December 9, 1999. This occurs on page 1 of the specification. It also is filed to introduce new claims 11-14 for prosecution in this continuation.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
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